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## The Cavalier: Making a Difference When It Counts



(First Row: left to right): William Jordan, Horace Nelson, Chick Jackson, Billy Thomas, William Higdon, Joe King, Howard Stone  
(Second Row: left to right): Harry Chase, Carl Greenwood, Charles Bank, Bernard Ross, Leon Fields, Herbert Homes

by Thelma Jones

"Always a Gentleman" is the motto of the Cavalier Athletic/Benevolent Club, a group established in 1955 under the leadership of Leon Fields during the Southwest Urban Renewal period. With Fields as the president and almost 20 active members, the group meets monthly at the Southwest Library to plan an array of activities which include employment, educational, cultural, spiritual, geriatrics, and recreational opportunities for adults and youth. Noting the youths' challenges, the Cavaliers have volunteered tirelessly over the years to help improve the self-image of Southwest youth and act as role models and big brothers. Individual members of the group also serve as tutors through the Southwest Community House tutorial program.

Realizing the importance of connecting the past with the present, the Cavaliers, whose average age is 60, hosted a highly successful one-month pictorial Black History Month display of the old Southwest at Anthony Bowen School, provided compliments of the Southwest Library. To help broaden Bowen students' horizons and better understand the world in which they live, the Cavaliers donated a globe and over 35 books to the school's library. Additionally, they donated a beautiful trophy case to highlight the school's accomplishments. Attesting to the Cavaliers' generosity, Bowen Principal Rosalie Huff remarked: "The Cavaliers have been very good to our school over the years with donations, displays and recognition for student achievement. We are deeply appreciative of their efforts and support which exemplify the ideals of Southwest at its best."

While helping to bridge the gap with the youth, the Cavaliers also reach out to the adults, senior citizens and the needy. They conduct well-attended weekly Bible study classes at Fields' residence. A larger meeting site is being sought to accommodate the growing attendance. Annually, they provide food baskets to needy families through the Second Baptist and St. Vincent de Paul Churches. When in time of need, the Cavaliers serve as pall bearers and provide assistance to the sick and homebound, adding cheer by sending cards, flowers and fruit baskets. For the elderly, they have consistently provided financial support to the Southwest Community House senior citizens cookouts. For recreational purposes, the Cavaliers host weekly evening activities for adults at the King Greenleaf Center. Appreciation for the center's use is expressed by the club regularly helping with its maintenance and upkeep. They also identify other contributors such as churches, thus minimizing its operating costs and creating a family-like atmosphere. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church is collaborating with the Cavaliers on ways to help improve the center. The club also regularly provides financial assistance to the center in support of its programs. Seeing a need to ensure that the community is well represented, the Cavaliers attend ANC2D and SWNA meetings to address issues of concern and provide follow up support when necessary.

A reflection of the Cavaliers' motto—"Always a Gentleman"—emerges clearly when one understands the array of activities and sense of pride and dignity with which the Cavaliers carry out their mission. The energy and enthusiasm associated with their work mirrors a strong sense of values and a genuine desire and passion for helping others. The club is trying desperately to bring back certain aspects of old-fashioned living in the midst of a modern day and a complex society. One aspect deals with valuing and respecting other's lives and property. Another one is realizing the youths' need for attention, identity and a sense of belonging. It is in these areas that they're trying to make the greatest impact. Their mission isn't impossible; it's just challenging, rewarding and deserving of the community's support. If you are interested in attending or supporting the Cavaliers' activities, please call President Fields (488-8719) or Secretary Herbert Homes (479-4490).

### CAVALIER UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 29	Trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey
Saturday, May 10	Cabaret, St. Vincent de Paul Church

For information, call Herbert Homes (479-4490).

## SWNA Elections

In accordance with the By-laws of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, elections of new officers will be held in March.

Nominations for office of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and district representative are being accepted. Nominees for these positions must be residents of Southwest and over 18 years of age. Procedures for nomination and election of officers were reported at the January Assembly meeting. At the February meeting of the Assembly, the nominating committee will report the names, addresses and offices of any candidates sought, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted, with the consent of the person nominated.

Officers will be voted upon at-large while district representatives will be voted upon by the residents of their districts. Each district has three representatives with the exception of district 2 which has two. Following is a breakdown of the districts for nominating and voting purposes:

**District 1:** North of M street and west of 4th Street. Addresses include the Marina, Marina View Towers (1100 6th Street and 1000 6th Street), Waterside Towers (901, 905 and 907 6th Streets), Town Square Towers (700 7th Street) and the Commons.

**District 2:** North of M Street and east of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and South Capital Street. Addresses include 1001 and 1101 3rd Street, 800 4th Street, Capitol Park Townhouses, 301 G Street, 101-103 G Streets, 201 Eye Street, and Greenleaf Annex (north of M Street).

**District 3:** South of M Street and West of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and south to the Anacostia. Addresses include Harbor Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park, Carrolsburg (1250 4th Street, 300 M Street and 240 M Street), Carrolsburg Townhouses, and St. James.

**District 4:** South of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street. Addresses include Greenleaf (201 and 203 N), Greenleaf Senior Citizens Home (1200 Delaware Avenue), James Creek, Syphax Gardens, and Tel-court and Homes on Carrolsburg Place, and Half, O, and P Streets).

Districts listed above do not include all residences but rather a sampling of them.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions and willing to make the necessary time commitment, please call Nominating Chairperson Thelma Jones at 488-3746. You can nominate yourself.

### CANDIDATES - SWNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below is a list of candidates and their bios for the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Elections will be held on Saturday, March 22, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Safeway's vestibule (Waterside Mall). All Southwest residents 18 years or older are eligible to vote. If you are interested in volunteering with the elections or have questions regarding it, please call Thelma Jones at 488-3746.

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### SWNA Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA will be held on Monday, March 24th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Sts. at 7:00 p.m.

Reports will be made by the chairs of the task forces, announcement of the election of officers and board members for 1997-1998 will be made and there will be introduction and installation of the newly elected officers. We want to thank our hardworking former president, Dr. Beryl Rice. It was a very good year for our civic organization.

At the meeting, churches will be recognized for their outreach programs into the community.



## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(March - April 1997)

- Mar 22 Saturday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly ELECTIONS, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Waterside Mall (Safeway) 401 M Street S.W.
- Mar 24 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Annual Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 222 M Street S.W.
- Mar 25 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:50 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, SW.
- Mar 27 Thursday:** NARFE D.C. Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, SW.
- Apr 1 Tuesday:** First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., First District MPD Headquarters, 415 Fourth Street, SW.
- Apr 7 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board, 6:30 p.m., Southeastern University, 501 Eye Street, SW.
- Apr 9 Wednesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:50 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, SW.
- Apr 14 Monday:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street, SW.
- Apr 16 Wednesday:** AARP SW Waterfront Chapter MEETING, 7 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 222 M Street, SW.
- Apr 16 Wednesday:** Wiley Branton CDC ANNUAL MEETING, 7 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 600 M Street, SW.
- Apr 22 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:50 p.m., southwest Branch Library
- Apr 24 Thursday:** NARFE D.C. Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., southwest Branch Library.
- Apr 26 Saturday:** Stress Management Workshop, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, free, call Pat Biles, 484-8226.
- Apr 28 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, 222 M Street, SW.

### UPCOMING

May 18 Sunday: Southwest Arts Festival, ALL DAY, Southwest Waterfront.

Please submit calendar items by the first of each month to C.W. Hargrave, (202) 554-8284

## Arts Festival Looking for Local Artists and Entertainers

by Mercedes Sandoval-Beene

It's official: A great Southwest tradition is being revived on Sunday, May 18. The Southwest Festival of the Arts will be held that day in conjunction with the annual Blessing of the Fleet on the waterfront.

Festival organizers are looking for Southwest-based entertainers, singers, and dancers to perform. Community non-profit groups are invited to set up information exhibits, and local artists or craftspeople who produce their own work are eligible to participate as vendors. The family-oriented event will be located in the park along the seavall, beginning at 6th Street.

Non-profit groups can contact Barbara Ehrlich at 554-2487. Entertainers, artists and craftspeople can call Maryann Bailer at 479-0571. For general information, contact Gene Hanley at 488-8695.

## SW Festival of the Arts to Include Youth Contest

On Sunday, May 18, children and youth from Southwest will have the chance to exhibit their artistic talent during the Southwest Festival of the Arts to be held on the SW waterfront. Cash prizes and/or gift certificates will be awarded in various age categories. For information on how your child can take part contact Rev. Ruth Hamilton at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW, 202-484-7700.

## SWNA Elections (continued from page 1)

**President** - Dr. Marc A. Weiss  
**Vice President** - Helen Higginbotham  
**Secretary** - Rev. Dr. Jeanne E. MacKenzie  
**Treasurer** - Robert (Bob) Listou  
**District 1 (2 representatives)**  
 Zandra M. Earl  
 Jeannie Meece  
**District 2 (3 representatives)**  
 Nathaniel Poster  
 Joseph (Joe) M. Rauscher  
 Eliza Stefaniv  
**District 3 (4 representatives)**  
 Margaret Feldman  
 Chanda (Tudi) McMahan  
 Davelene (Davie) Renshaw  
 Yvonnzler (Bonnie) Staley  
**District 4 (3 representatives)**  
 Penelton Clark  
 Sherri Lawson  
 Emma Ward

### Bios -

**Dr. Marc A. Weiss** - nominee for President has been Vice President of SWNA for two years. He has been a resident of SW for four years. Dr. Weiss is a Special Assistant to the Secretary of HUD and also served the former Secretary. He has worked as a professional and an organizer in the fields of economic and community development for nearly 30 years.

**Helen Higginbotham** - nominee for Vice President is a resident of Tiber Island. She has been a resident of SW for two and a half years. She participates in walkathons, health fairs, political campaigns, and other civic and social community events. Helen is currently employed at MCI.

**Rev. Dr. Jeanne MacKenzie** - nominee for Secretary has served as Secretary of the SWNA for the past two years. She also chairs a committee for Hospice Care of DC and is Parish Associate at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. A resident of SW for sixteen years and pastor of Westminster Church for almost fifteen years. She has a deep commitment to her community.

**Robert "Bob" Listou** - nominee for Treasurer is ready to join his wife Jeanne MacKenzie, in service to the community. He is a retired Air Force colonel (20 years) who has had a second career as a management consultant. Webmaster for several church-related Web sites, Bob also uses the Web as primary distribution medium for a management software program that uses an invention for which his patent is pending.

**Zandra M. Earl** - nominee for District 1 Representative employee of National Telecommunication of Rural Cooperative. In 1995, she and her husband organized a ministry called Joy Christian Center. She has met many needs within the SW Community. Zandra served on the committee of the Summer Day Camp in SW. She serves on the D.C. Board for Prison Fellowship, member of the SW Group Ministry and served as a District Representative of SWNA. She volunteers for the Southwester Newspaper and feeds the homeless.

**Jeannie Meece** - nominee for District 1 Representative has lived in SW for three years. She is the Director of the American Association of People with Disabilities. She is a deacon at the Riverside Baptist Church, as well as a member of the Southwest Group Ministry. She serves on the board of the DC Children's Advocacy Center.

**Natan Polster** - nominee for District 2 Representative after 13 years in SW, truly believes resources exist to enable every person here to have a rewarding career. Past defeats don't doom new efforts if we work together. An economist, journalist, and civil rights award winner, Polster has served two SW community boards and the Southwester.

**Joseph M. Raucher** - nominee for District 2 Representative has lived here for many years. Served as area rep of District 2 on the SWNA, as well as many other subcommittees. Has 29 years experiences in Federal and local environmental protection program operations, financial management and grants administration.

**District 2 - Eliza Stefaniv** moved to Southwest in 1996. She has volunteered as a relief cook and tutor. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a Bachelors in Physics and Russian and from the University of Rochester with a Masters in Physics. She is a contractor at the Naval Research Laboratory in Southwest.

**District 3 - Margaret Feldman** has lived at River Park for 10 years and has worked with the Assembly all those years, including three years as president. She is very active with River Park affairs. Currently, she is Chair of the Waterside Mall Committee and is president of the S.W. Community Council, Inc.

**District 3 - Chanda (Miss Tudi) McMahan**, A.S.W. resident since birth. Attended Anthony Bowen and Amidon Elementary and Jefferson Jr. High Schools. Graduated from Norfolk State University. Currently a graduate student in Howard University's Masters Program (Psychology). Former member of #4 Boys & Girls Club. Member of the S.W. Board of Directors. Served as a volunteer counselor with James Creek Family Counseling Services, and the Greenleaf Anti-Violence classes.

**District 3 - Davelene Renshaw**: SW resident since 1988. Retired from HUD, Public & Indian Housing in 1995. Member: Fourth St. Neighborhood Group, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Waterstreet Community Garden. Active: SWNA, ANC, Zoning P-6, SW Cleanup, SW & Waterfront Tour Bus/Litter Issues, Project Wonder, SW polls. BSAE Art Education, MS Community Development.

**District 3 - Yvonnzler M. Staley (Bonnie)**, mother of three, guardian of ten others. Active member of SWNA.

**District 4 - Emma P. Ward**, SW resident for more than 20 years. She is currently working as a Program Analyst with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Ward serves as a member of SWNA, representing District 4; she is also on the Board of Directors of the SW Community House; a member of the scholarship committee and President of "Carrollburg Friends", a homeowner's association in the 1200 Block of Carrollburg Place SW. Ms. Ward has also been active in organizing residents in her neighborhood to work jointly with the District Government for rat control and trash pick up. She is also actively involved with the local chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and with her son's ski club, Black Ski, Inc. of Washington, D.C. She has been a volunteer tutor with Van Ness Elementary School for more than 12 years.

She opened her home to neighborhood children and provided tutoring to assist with their reading difficulties. She operated the program from her home for more than one year.

**District 4 - Sherri Lawson**: a three-year resident of Southwest. Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State University. Master of Arts in applied anthropology from American University. Currently pursuing Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from American University. Worked in numerous city-wide community-oriented initiatives which focused on poverty issues.

**District 4 - Penelton Clark**: a three-year resident of Southwest. Served with the military in Saudia Arabia (Gulf War). Advocate of uplifting my brothers and sisters from the adversities they face on a daily basis. Co-founder of atonement, Inc. which provides learning opportunities for youth.

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Drop off your stories and/or photos by April 10th, 1997, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. (Submitted photos are the property of the Southwester.) You may also mail submissions to:

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to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich an equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

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Happy Passover!**

## Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation

The Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation (WBCDC) will be holding its annual meeting in April. The date is Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M Streets. All members of the near SE/SW community are urged to attend.

WBCDC is in the process of developing a directory which will be an updated and current listing of all of the establishments in the near SE/SW area.

There are vacancies on the Board of Directors which should have official representation from agencies and organizations in our area. Along with the Annual Report, there will be the election of officers and a report of the Coalition of Economic Development Organizations. Call 554-9235 for further information.

## The February SWNA Meeting

The February meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly dealt with the subject: "How and Why Welfare Affects All of Us." Rick Bardach summarized the current situation, saying that, "imperfect though the new welfare reform law now is, it is the law and we must deal with it. The Federal Government now funds only temporary assistance and there will be no increases in the future. All who can, must work and an individual can receive public assistance for only a total of five years in his or her lifetime."

The first speaker was Deborah Weinstein, Director of the Family Income Division of the Children's Defense Fund who reviewed some of the facts about children and poverty.

What can citizens do in the face of these changes? Virginia and New York families who work can keep a percentage of their cash assistance for a limited time. The benefits of these programs allow more people to work and develop skills, the government pays less and families have larger incomes.

States and the District of Columbia can choose to exempt disabled individuals. It might also choose to push job training by combining assistance for one year of on the job training and another year of separate training after which an individual would receive a junior college degree.

The second panelist was Susan Clay, Assistant to the Commissioner of Social Services, DC Department of Social Services, who stated that every state and the District must submit a plan for implementation of the law which must be in place by July 1st. A task force has been working on this. States and the District must contribute their own share to welfare or the federal grant will be reduced. Specific changes will affect children, immigrants, the disabled and those currently unemployed. Although DC currently funds 8000 childcare slots, it is estimated that 4500 additional childcare placements will be needed within the year. Housing Receiver, David Gilmore is considering establishing childcare in public housing complexes. Fathers will be required to provide financial support of their children, however will also be allowed to live in homes receiving financial aid.

Given the number of legal resident immigrants, DC is considering asking for a waiver on their benefits. DC now has 3000 recipients of SSI for disabilities and the focus will turn toward those with physical, rather than mental disabilities. By 1998, one fourth of the unemployed must be placed in jobs or the District will be sanctioned. The mayor has stated that he will counsel agencies not to pull the rug out from needy families.

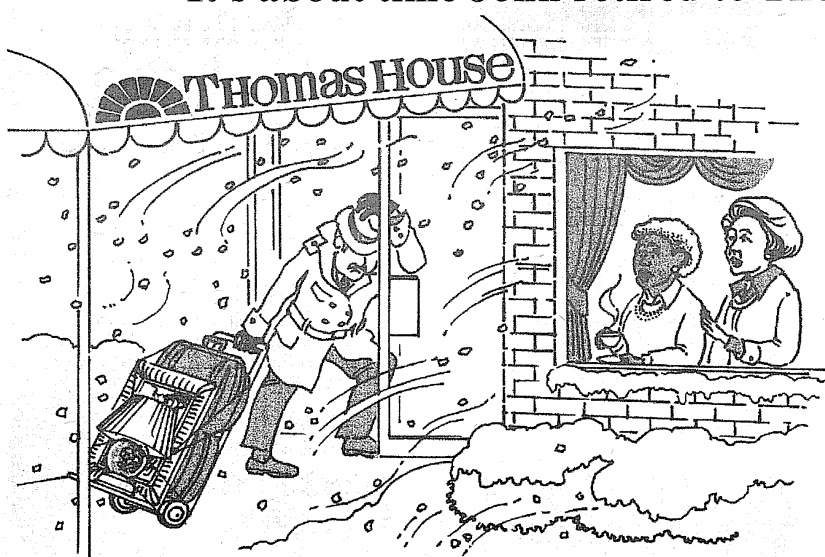
Community forums have already been held on the DC plan to hear responses. Citizens are urged to participate in a Self Sufficiency Program for Volunteers in which individuals, organizations and families will be matched with families working to become self-sufficient.

Questions and discussion following the presentation stressed the necessity for placement services as well as job training, that quality and convenience are vital in addition to affordable day or night care, and the need to learn life skills to assure success on the job. Community participation to advocate for quality services, map the resources available within the community, and to start a job club or network to aid in the job seeking process.

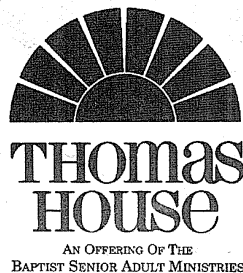
The Nominations Committee chair, Thelma Jones introduced and presented the slate of officers. A list with a blurb about each candidate appears elsewhere in the paper. Elections will be held on Saturday, March 22 at Waterside Mall.

Rev. Franklin expressed his church's pleasure at being able to host the Assembly and reported that Second Baptist's proposal to renovate Syphax School and build housing will be presented to the District of Columbia on April 18. He asked for letters of support from community organizations. June Hirsh, representing the Councilman Jack Evans' office, commended the Southwest community and announced that the Councilman will be sending a strong recommendation and support letter for the Second Baptist/Enterprise Project.

**"It's about time John retired to Thomas House!"**



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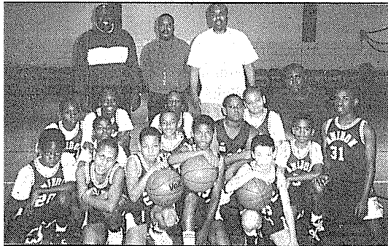
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## Amidon Warriors 1996-97 Basketball Team

Front row - left to right: Shaun Gaines, Larry Brown, James Smith, Franklin Davis, Craig Balmoris  
 Second row - left to right: Aaron Jackson, Ronald Vaughn, Nathaniel Jones, Troy Halliberton, Jessie Thompson  
 Third row - left to right: Matthew Shepherd, Erich Pringle, Terrance Carson, Tywan Osborne, Bernard Harmon  
 Back row - (standing) left to right: Mr. West, assistant coach; Mr. Terry, coach; Mr. Fletcher, assistant coach.



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### Exciting Growth Opportunities

Odyssey Cruises, Washington's Premier Dining Cruise is now hiring for all restaurant and deck crew positions. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, April 3 from 12 noon to 5 p.m., 600 Water St., SW EOE

## Busy Week At St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

There will be services each day from Wednesday through Sunday of Easter Week at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. On Wed. March 26 Eucharist will be held at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. On Thursday there will also be tripping of the Altar at 7 p.m. with the Eucharist. The church will be open from noon to 3 p.m. March 28 as a time for visiting as a personal Good Friday vigil. An Easter Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and regular services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday.

## Seeking Tutors for S.W. Community House Study Center

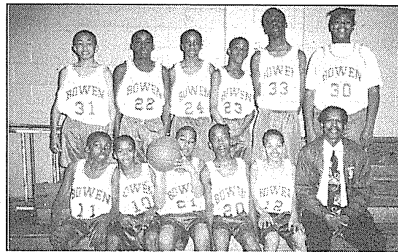
The Southwest Community House has recently expanded a tutoring program it has been operating since March 1996. The study center, originally staffed by four volunteers has now hired a D.C. school teacher to run the program. There are elementary school aged children eager to participate, there is a great location, and there are some tutors. But the program still needs you. The program needs committed, reliable adults to volunteer as tutors one night per week. For further information, or to volunteer, please call Rick Bardach (202-488-7210). Can you help?

## Girl Scouts Sell Cookies at Waterside Mall



Three Girl Scouts and their leaders who meet every Sunday mornings from 10:30 till noon at St. Minick's Church. Families with girls who are interested in scouting can call 488-3463 or 583-0876.

## Bowen Bobcats 1996-97 Basketball Team



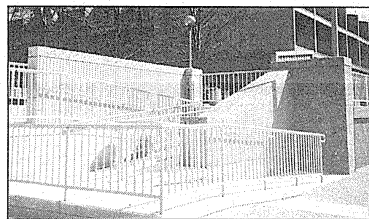
## Heritage Sunday at St. Matthews Ev. Lutheran on Palm Sunday

On March 23 St. Matthews Ev. Lutheran Church will hold its annual Heritage Sunday for celebrating the diversity of the church family. The 10 am Sunday School and 11 am Family Worship will be followed by an international pot-luck luncheon with food from around the world and entertainment including the Tanzanian Choir and Cultural Dancers.

Easter Week will also include 7:30 pm services on Thursday and Friday and a 9 am continental breakfast before the Easter Sunday service.

## "Insurrection or Resurrection?" Is Sermon At Sojourner Truth UU

Rev. John DeTaeye will preach a sermon entitled "Insurrection or Resurrection" at Sojourner Truth Unitarian Universalist Congregation in the lower hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11 am Easter Sunday.



## Renovation

Renovation of the lower promenade of the Southwest waterfront is now complete. The work extended from Gangplank Marina (6th Street) to the Capital Yacht Club (west of 9th Street). All benches and waste receptacles were removed.

Included in the project was the installation of a handicap access in the 7th Street park, from the lower to the upper promenade.

These repairs were done by the DC Government. The National Park Service is scheduled to take control of the property once it is satisfied that all necessary work has been completed. At that time, new benches and trash receptacles that meet specification will be installed by NPS. Until then, there will be SRO and trash will be the order of the day.

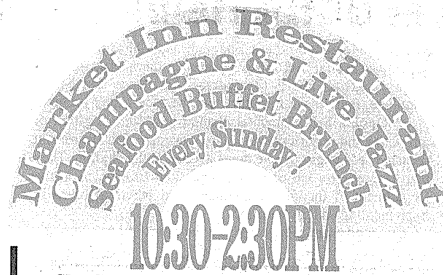
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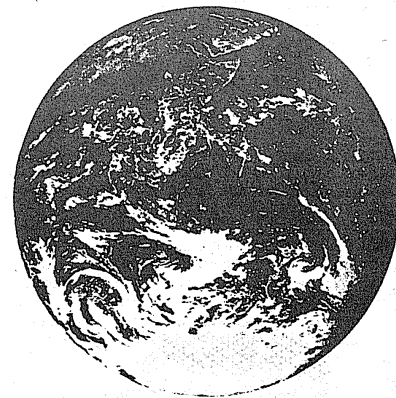
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## Food Stamp Overhaul Imminent

With all the attention the public and media have focused on the impact welfare reform will have on the new cash assistance program, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), many have forgotten that the food stamp program is undergoing a fundamental change as well. A group of advocates and service providers are strategizing to ensure that the needs of hungry people don't get lost in the shuffle. They plan to present a list of recommendations to officials at the Department of Income Maintenance and others involved in implementing welfare reform.

The Food Stamp Program bore the brunt of last summer's cuts to public assistance programs. Of the \$55 billion cut over the next five years, about half — \$27.7 billion — come from reductions in food stamp allotments and in the elimination of benefits to legal immigrants, drug felons, and able-bodied adults who are not raising children.

In addition to budget cuts, Congress made 40 changes in regulations that affect the operation of the food stamp program. Of those changes, 22 are mandatory. The District has some flexibility in how the remaining 18 changes are implemented. The choices city officials make have the power to spare thousands the pain of hunger.

Among the options available to the District are:

—the option to pass legislation that permits people convicted of drug felonies to receive food stamps upon release from prison;

—the option to ask the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow able-bodied childless adults aged 18 to 50 to receive food stamps for more than three out of every 36 months;

—the option to sanction people in the food stamp program for their failure to adhere to the rules of other assistance programs, such as TANF, the new cash assistance program;

—the option to provide cash assistance recipients with food stamps in the form of cash, rather than vouchers; and

—the option to give a person's food stamp benefits to their employer to supplement the recipients' wages.

The changes in funding and policy required by the new welfare law will also force Department of Income Maintenance officials to rethink the way they train and utilize limited staff, how to make the program more user-friendly, and how to improve efficiency.

For a complete listing of the proposed changes to the food stamp program, or to get involved in the group of service providers negotiating with city officials, contact Colleen Fee at (202) 347-4441.

## Second Concert in Southwest Chamber Series

For the second of its free monthly concerts at St. Augustine's Church, Maine Avenue and 6th Street, the Southwest Chamber Series will offer an evening of music written for the unusual combination of violin, French horn, and piano. The date is Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. On stage will be three amateurs: Jeff Thurston, violin; Judy Levine, horn; and David Ehrlich, piano. Their program will feature Johannes Brahms' Horn Trio, op. 40, and will also include works by two Frenchmen, Jean-Marie Leclair and Joseph Labor.

The Southwest Chamber Music Series is for many people. Performance is not restricted to professionals, performing as soloists or in small groups, both instrumental and choral. Amateurs, especially Southwest residents who think they're ready to appear before an audience, are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.

Call David Ehrlich, 484-6354, for further information.

## Theater Review

by Wallace Babington

### MOLLY SWEENEY

*Brian Friel* Never underestimate the power of a director. Kyle Donnelly's hand is very much in evidence in the Arena Stage production of Brian Friel's "Molly Sweeney." Friel is considered by many to be Ireland's greatest living playwright. He is well remembered and respected for moving dramas of intensity and beauty. Arena's recent production of "Dancing at Lughnasa" stands out in memory as a play of poetic power and energy. "Molly Sweeney" does not fit that category.

The play is the story of Molly Sweeney, a woman blind almost from birth, who has her sight partially restored by an operation at age forty-one. She is a competent, self-sufficient woman who is astute, articulate and intelligent enough to recognize the changes brought about in her life by this medical miracle. The play consists solely of monologues spoken by Molly, her husband and the surgeon who performs the operation.

To call it a play is almost a misnomer. It is more like a reading, a talking book. The monologues of the three characters are directed to the audience in story telling form and always in the past tense. Occasionally you feel that the story is going to erupt into something with an emotional impact - but those moments pass without dramatic development. This is an undramatic format that fails to excite, involve or even maintain interest. It probably reads better than it performs.

Jenny Bacon does all that can be done to make Molly an interesting personality; she manages to bring sparks of life, energy and humor to a script that is static and prosaic. But even her performance and valiant efforts from T. J. Edwards and Richard Bauer in the other roles cannot create life where none exists.

I mentioned in the above opening sentence the importance of the play's director. I saw "Molly Sweeney" in New York last year and found it dull, boring and monotonous. Kyle Donnelly manages to inject life and energy into the script - a contribution that makes the play at least bearable and even at times interesting.

## What I Can Do About The Violence In My Life?

When you look around yourself, do you ask that question, what is to become of us, and what can we do? Am I going to just wait and watch, let the future go down the drain like anyone else on those mean streets, or do I make the choice of taking some action? Sure, I ask myself if there is anything I can do, when my cousin takes that dose of drugs. Yes, my cousin does take drugs. He has been a burden to his family ever since I can remember. I couldn't believe it when I found out, because just four years ago, I saw him and he was the best cousin you could have ever had, but he's lost it now because of drugs. Now he is still using drugs and his family members have begged my family and friends to pressure him into stopping. My parents have cut his money supply off because all he does with that hard-earned money is buy drugs.

If anyone was to ask me what I could do for my cousin and other people who have or are drawing themselves to drugs and violence, I must say I would try to draw them to a more positive and enjoyable life style. When I say enjoyable, I mean a life without worrying about how popular you are, or worrying about if you had enough money to buy yourself another dose of drugs. For those I cannot reach, I can only pray that they have the love, respect, and dignity that they need to carry on. Like many people I don't know why some criminals and drug users or dealers do the things they do, but maybe it's because they want popularity. Well, I can surely say, you'll be quite popular with a police record. I don't really want to put those people down, but they need to be informed because when bad blood flows through one's body, you will always have that bad blood. So my advice to them would be, if you plan to start and not end something, like addiction to drugs, don't start. Also, don't put anyone down for their wrong doings. Help them find dignity, respect, love, and most important, show them you care.

by: Mei-Yu Jiang (7th grade student at Jefferson Jr. High)

## WHAT IS LIFE

What is Life?

Life is like a shooting star.

Life is like a salvia.

Life is a prison.

Life is a draw.

Life can be what you make it.

Life is a wishing well in the middle of the street.

There are open doors and there are closed doors but somewhere at the end of the road are open arms.

Life is a velocity.

Life is time on the floor.

Sometimes life can be a load.

Be smart.

Be bold and wait for the end of the road.

Life is a journey.

Life is an open window.

Life is God's creation.

by: Calvin Webb (8th grade student at Jefferson Jr. High)

## Chamber Music for Southwest

Members of the ensemble CONTRASTS, which inaugurated the Southwest Chamber Music Series at Saint Augustine's Church on March 6. From left to right, Freddy Arteel, clarinet, Kati Sebestyen, violin, Ervin Schiffer, viola and Dana Protopopescu, piano



### Wallace Babington

When Temple Micah terminated its sharing arrangement with St. Augustine's Church and left Southwest, it took with it our only regular music program, the Capital Woodwind Quintet. Now St. Augustine's has remedied that situation with the presentation of a new chamber music series that began on March 6 with a chamber group consisting of piano, violin, viola and clarinet. This group, CONTRAST is composed of highly skilled musicians who presented a program of nineteenth and twentieth century romantic music to an appreciative audience of Southwesterers. We are indebted to David Ehrlich for bringing these professional musicians to our community for an evening of superb chamber music.

Joseph McLellan, the music critic from the Washington Post was at the performance. In his write-up, he said that the "new venture in a part of town not noted for classical musical performances - got off to an excellent start." "The group, based in Antwerp, all play at a virtuoso level. and the group played with the fine ensemble sound of people who have been together for nearly 20 years."

## The Southwest Child Development Center

The day care center which is located in St. Matthew's Church 3rd and M Streets is open to anyone with a childcare need. The director, Mrs. Lewis, is planning to retire. However, she plans to continue working there for three days a week and Ms. Lesley Bergman will be there everyday.

It has been at this location since 1972. Many who live in the neighborhood are "graduates" of the center. It hopes to have many other "future graduates."

Their hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They indicate that if there are parents who need to pick up their children at a later hour, they will entertain suggestions re staying open for extended hours. Call 488-3677 for more information and to learn about openings.

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# The National Building Museum: An Unheralded Treasure

by Stephen Garber

Looking for a fun museum away from the crush of Smithsonian visitors on the Mall, but within walking distance of the Southwest neighborhood? The National Building Museum, located in the historic Pension Building near Judiciary Square, is a good place to spend a few free hours.

One of the main reasons to visit the National Building Museum is to see the dramatic architecture of the Pension Building itself. Built from 1882-1887, the building is centered around the Great Hall, a large atrium. Water shoots from a single jet in the central fountain. Inside the Hall, the 75-foot Corinthian columns were the tallest of their kind at the time; each column is constructed of 70,000 bricks.

Montgomery Meigs, the Pension Building's architect and engineer, incorporated a number of interesting practical innovations. To accommodate one-legged Civil War veterans, he designed stairs with long treads and low risers. Meigs was also proud of his innovative lighting and ventilation systems, which significantly improved the health of workers. To make the building fireproof, Meigs used brick since it only melts at a very high temperature.

The Pension Building's design reflects Meigs' passion for his work in other small details. Almost like time capsules, he put "hidden treasures" such as official documents and old newspapers in certain columns. Meigs' specially designed pottery urns for plants disappeared many years ago, but

Museum curators luckily found one authentic urn on the front lawn of a Washington resident and copied the pattern.

No matter who occupied it, hosting presidential inaugural balls in the Pension Building has been a sporadic tradition since Grover Cleveland. Previously balls were held outdoors, but Cleveland moved his ball inside in 1885, even before the Building was complete. After Woodrow Wilson opted not to have an inaugural ball, no balls were held until after World War II. It wasn't until 1973, when the office cubicles were removed, that President Nixon restored the inaugural ball tradition to the Pension Building. Every president since has followed suit.

When Montgomery Meigs took on the Pension Building project, he had three goals: to construct a fireproof building, to create a place for elegant gatherings, and not to exceed a \$300,000 cost cap. While he certainly achieved his first two goals, he ended up almost tripling his original budget and was fired before the building was finished. Nevertheless, most observers would call the building a great success.

The National Building Museum is open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon - 4 p.m. on Sundays. It is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days. The Museum is located at 401 F Street NW, directly across from the Judiciary Square metro. For further information, call 202-272-2448 or check out its homepage at <http://www.nbm.org>.

## Historical Society

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., founded in 1894, is an educational and cultural institution serving the residents of metropolitan Washington. HSW is committed to collecting, preserving and teaching the history of Washington as hometown as well as the nation's capital.

The Historical Society operates a research library; offers educational programs, lectures, tours, workshops and volunteer opportunities for adults and children; operates Washington's only late Victorian house museum and garden park; presents changing historical exhibitions; and publishes new research in Washington History. As State Coordinator for national History Day, The Historical Society helps D.C. students participate in "hands-on" history projects. Basic annual memberships begin at \$40, \$25 for students.

The Historical Society is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for seniors, students, and children. The Society is located in the Heurich House Museum, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. just one block from the Dupont Circle Station on Metro's Red Line. For further information call 202-785-2068.

## Waterside Mall

Margaret Feldman, chair of the Mall Committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was very happy to tell the Southwester that effective March 17, there will be two hour free parking to facilitate shopping at the Waterside Mall. An executive from Bresler & Reiner Inc, the management company for WM, said that, in addition, they are planning to paint the inside of the mall, increase the lighting and to put up graphics. We applaud them for taking down the banner.

## Fil-Am Toastmasters Club Members Received 4-H Awards

Honorable Jim Estep, Prince George's Council Member for District 9, presented awards to members of Fil-Am Toastmasters Club last January 24, 1997 during the Annual Volunteer Leaders Awards Night held at Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Sylvia Magbanua was presented both an individual and a club award for conduction the 8-week program entitled 'Youth Leadership' to 4-H members. Ramon Magbanua, Quintin Wilkinson, and John Carroll also received individual awards for their participation during the training program. Youth Leadership is a communication and leadership program sponsored by Toastmasters International and are conducted to participants ages 11-17. Fil-Am Club which meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Southwest Library actively conducts Toastmasters programs to the community.

Join Fil-Am Toastmasters Club! Only a few seats left! For more information, call Quintin Wilkinson, 202-645-6309 or 202-584-3126, John Carroll, 301-504-9017.

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## ts Cherry Blossom Festival Time

In honor of the Cherry Blossoms the Washington Waterfront Association, WWA will be presenting two noon-time concerts. The site will be the park at 7th and Water Streets (beside Channel Inn). The dates of the two concerts are Friday, April and Wednesday, April 9. On Friday, the Metropolitan Police Department "Side by Side" Band will play. The following Wednesday, there will be a live broadcast hosted by Christina Kelly of WPGC-95.5 (musical group to be announced). The WWA consists of the Arena Stage, Capital Yacht Club, Channel Inn/Pier 7, Creole Orleans, Gangplank Marina, Ogates/H.I. Ribster's, Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Odyssey I, Phillips Flagship, and the Spirit Cruises.

## BOOK REVIEW

by Wallace Babington

## GONE FISHIN'

Walter Mosley

"Easy" and "Mouse" are two words that have special meaning for mystery fans. Any serious mystery reader will immediately identify them as the detective Easy Rawlins and his buddy Mouse, lead characters in the mystery series created by Walter Mosley. "Gone Fishin'" is a sequel to the succeeding Easy Rawlins stories. However, it is actually the first story of the series; written in the late 1970s and turned down by major publishing houses who did not believe that there was a market out there for heroes like Easy and Mouse. Time and sales have proved them wrong with the enormous success of the Easy Rawlins books and the film version of "Devil in a Blue Dress." So Mosley has the last word - and we have the first book.

"Gone Fishin'" is the coming-of-age story of a young man who joins Mouse in an effort to get some money that will enable him to marry his girl friend and begin a new life. The story unravels amid voodoo, violence and death. The narrative is not in the traditional mystery format that we have come to expect of writers like Mosley. Also, the writing is not as well developed as later Easy Rawlins novels. But this is a compelling and engaging story that will be appreciated by every mystery fan.

The publisher of this novel is Black Classic Press in Baltimore. It was selected by Mosley in order to demonstrate his conviction that prominent African American writers should work with independent African American presses. Mosley is to be commended for relating his feelings to his words!

"Gone Fishin'" is available at our Southwest Branch library.

## Easter Week At Christ United Methodist

Palm Sunday, March 23, will include 10:30 am blessing of the palms, as well as regular early service at 9 am, Sunday School at 10 am, Formal service at 11 am and "Holy Gourmets" at 12:30.

Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 pm on March 27 will be preceded by a 6:30 pm Soup/Salad dinner.

Easter Sunday will include the regular schedule, 9 am regular service, 10 am Sunday School, and 11 am Formal Service.

## CAPS Program

Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, President and the new Dean of Students, Dr. Fay R. Avery met this month with General Julius S. Becton, Chief Executive Officer for the District of Columbia Public Schools this month to discuss a Pre-College Program for local area high school students. The program will be administered over the summer and is designed to encourage young adults to qualify for admittance to college, preferably Southeastern University.

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## Environmental Science Course At Jefferson Jr.

Eighty ninth-grade students at Jefferson Jr. High will analyze the chemistry and biology of a local creek to learn environmental science first hand.

Under math teacher Mr. Stein and science teacher Mr. Johnson the students will measure PH levels, dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform, phosphates, nitrates, and turbidity, among other things.

They will use the Internet and post their findings on a web site. The teachers are prepared for the program by special studies, including technology courses at the University of Maryland.



David O. Stein,  
math teacher at  
Jefferson Jr.



Stanley D.  
Johnson, science  
teacher at Jefferson Jr.

AARP will be offering tax assistance for senior citizens (55 years old and older) at the SW Branch Library. They will be there on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Science Fair Winners At Jefferson Jr.

More than 50 students won first, second or third place awards at the Jefferson Jr. High science fair.

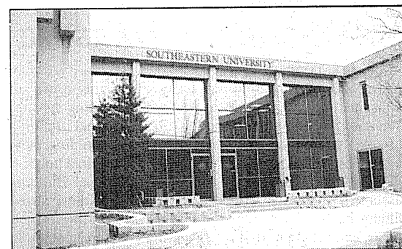
First place awards went to the following students:

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Chemistry - Tanese Abrams, Carlos Jones  
Earth and Space Science - Rommel Herrera  
Engineering - John Young  
Environmental Science - Dominick Adams  
Gerontology - Silvia Chavez  
Mathematics - Lauren Thompson  
Medicine and Health - Shavera Henry  
Microbiology - Carlesa Washington  
Physics - Terrance James, Reginald Lyons, Matthew McDonald  
Team Projects - Chanel Chase and Robin Campbell, Fei Zhung and Jaime Cupido  
Zoology - Ashley Oubre

## Seders at Riverside Baptist, Westminster Presbyterian

Two Passover Seders will be observed during Easter Week, one at Riverside Baptist Church at 6 pm, and one at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 6 pm on Thursday, March 27. Riverside will follow the seder meal with a traditional Tenebrae, Service of Shadows.

Both churches have special programs on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

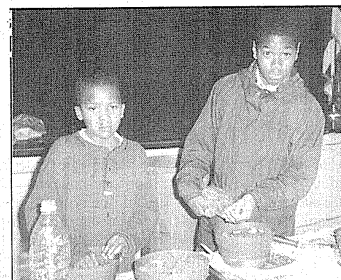


## Southeastern Gets a Makeover

As I'm sure everyone has noticed, the courtyard outside the main entrance is getting a new look. Construction and landscaping crews were out there all of February digging and building.

In a month or so, you will see the courtyard adorned with planters which will contain shrubbery as well as seasonal annual and perennial flowers.

Another change outside is the addition of a new ramp for the disabled on the southeast side of the courtyard which will allow access to the main entrance of the University.



## Saturday Crafts Class Plants Bulbs

Shown watering the flower pots in which they have planted spring bulbs are members of the Club 4 crafts class that meets Saturday mornings at Bowen School.

## "Carrollburg Friends" Fight Water Bills

by Emma P. Ward

Several residents of "Carrollburg Friends", a homeowner's association in the 1200 Block of Carrollburg Place SW have been receiving large water bills ranging from \$200-\$1,000 for a 90 day period. The association is working closely with residents to resolve this problem. I have been having high water bills ranging from \$65 to \$1,200 for a 90-day period and have been plagued with this problem since 1992. From 1992 to the present my water bill charges were \$4,300. In February 1997, I was finally able to get the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority to determine what the problem was. The problem was caused by corroded lead pipes leading from the sidewalk area to the front of my house. Water was registering on my water meter but was going underground and I was being charged for it. They have agreed to adjust the water bill.

Residents/homeowners of 'Carrollburg Friends' who are continuously receiving high water bills, should call me at 484-488 for information on how to get the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority to work cooperatively with you to resolve the problem.

## JOINT CLEAN-UP EFFORT

In response to perennial community complaints about the trash and litter that disfigures our Southwest waterfront, a committee effort is being mounted to do something about it. On Saturday March 22, an army of volunteers, led by the Washington Waterfront Association (WWA) and the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), will carry out a gigantic spring clean-up of Water Street, from the Harbor Police station all the way to the 14th Street bridge.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the group will assemble at Spirit Cruises, 6th and Water streets, to pick up gloves and bags supplied by AWS. It is expected to continue until 12:00 noon.

If the city won't do it, the community can and will. The more volunteers who come out to help, the cleaner the street will be. So...come one, come all, and join this long-awaited effort to make our waterfront look proud again.

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